

# **Superior Court of the District of Columbia Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges**

## **Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges Invites Comments from the Bench, Bar, and Public on Applicants for the Magistrate Judge Vacancy Created by the Retirement of Magistrate Judge Karen A. Howze**

Members of the bench, bar, and public are hereby notified by the Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges (the “Committee”) that there are 9 applicants for the pending Magistrate Judge vacancies on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The Committee will submit the names of three applicants to Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield of the Superior Court for his consideration to nominate a magistrate judge. The Advisory Merit Selection Panel (“the “Panel”), comprised of attorneys and community members, will also review the candidates and make recommendations to the Chief Judge and the Committee. The applicants are:

Anica J. Hobson  
Rosamund Ingrid Carol Holder  
Desiree Vanita Matthews  
Edward A. O’Connell  
Marylin Pierre  
T. Anthony Quinn  
Jacqueline Schesnoł  
Charles J. Willoughby

The Committee invites comments regarding the fitness of the above-listed applicants for a magistrate judge position on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Applicants can be evaluated with respect to eight categories:

- 1. Judicial Temperament** (e.g., ability to treat everyone with respect; willingness to listen with patience and courtesy; collegiality);
- 2. Professional Skills and Abilities** (e.g., experience; intellectual ability; analytical skills; knowledge of the rules of procedure and evidence; ability and willingness to learn and develop professionally);
- 3. Ethics** (e.g., integrity; impartiality; objectivity; sound judgment; restraint);
- 4. Commitment to Diversity** (e.g., treats people equally, fairly and with respect, regardless of gender, race, economic status, sexual orientation or any other factor; promotes inclusiveness of women and minorities);
- 5. Leadership and Communication Skills** (e.g., ability to communicate clearly and succinctly; ability to inspire respect and confidence; decisiveness);

6. **Efficiency and Organizational Skills** (e.g., ability to work efficiently and under time constraints; ability to work constructively with others; ability to manage time);
7. **Writing Skills** (e.g., ability to write clearly, concisely and persuasively); and
8. **Community Service** (e.g., pro bono activities; public service; volunteer activities; civic or charitable activities or memberships).

Comments submitted to the Committee are confidential and will not be released to the public or applicant. Any comments discussed with an applicant will be discussed without revealing the source of such comment, absent written consent by the individual providing the comment. All comments must be received no later than October 9, 2015, and should be sent to Judge Russell F. Canan at [MagistrateJudgeCommittee@dcsc.gov](mailto:MagistrateJudgeCommittee@dcsc.gov) and Addy R. Schmitt, Esq., at [aschmitt@milchev.com](mailto:aschmitt@milchev.com).

Any questions should be directed to the Committee's Chair, Judge Russell F. Canan at [MagistrateJudgeCommittee@dcsc.gov](mailto:MagistrateJudgeCommittee@dcsc.gov).

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